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BEL CANTO ANNOUNCES SPRING CONCERT: CONCERT FOR PEACE

The Bel Canto Children's Chorus of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem is thrilled to be presenting the regional premiere of Linda Tutas Haugan's *Anne Frank: A Living Voice*, and other works, in its Spring Concert: Concert for Peace on **May 7th from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts in Bethlehem, PA.** Joy Hirokawa, conductor, artistic director, and founder, says "Our singers have grown so much from learning this music, particularly *Anne Frank: A Living Voice*. The words of Anne Frank are at once heartbreaking and moving. Through it all, she shows an amazing sense of gratitude and hope, truly an inspiration!" This piece is also being performed on Holocaust Remembrance day at Tiferet Bet Israel at their sold out concert. Composer Linda Tutas Haugan will be with Bel Canto for a rehearsal and will be in attendance at the performance. Jennie Gilrain has contributed to the choreographed movement in this piece. She is a fourth grade teach at Freemansburg Elementary School and a former actor, director, and teacher with Touchstone Theatre.

Other works in the beautifully crafted program include the Hebrew song *Ani Ma'amin*, Joan Szymko's *Malala, River*, and *It Takes a Village*, which adapts the West African saying "It takes a village to raise a child," and the traditional camp meeting song, *No Time*, arranged by Susan Brumfield.

The Bel Canto Children's Chorus of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem has developed an international reputation for performing diversified choral repertoire at the highest standard of musical excellence and style. Noted for the innovative, artistic programs they present, the choir has a mission to provide an educational and artistic musical experience for children of diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds and to nurture a sense of accomplishment and community through the outstanding performance of their diverse choral repertoire.

To order tickets for this concert, please fill out the ticket order form found on www.belcantochildren.com/#!performance-calendar/c1yn8 and send to administrator, Kimberly Sehn, at 440 Heckewelder Place, Bethlehem, PA 18018. For questions, please call the office at (610) 866-4382 x116.